

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

JOINT APPLICATION OF BIG SANDY RURAL)	
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORP.,)	
FLEMING-MASON ENERGY COOPERATIVE,)	CASE NO.
INC., GRAYSON RURAL ELECTRIC)	2012-00484
COOPERATIVE CORP. FOR AN ORDER)	
APPROVING KY ENERGY RETROFIT)	
RIDER PERMANENT TARIFF)	

ORDER

On November 2, 2012, Big Sandy Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation (“Big Sandy”), Fleming-Mason Energy Cooperative, Inc., (“Fleming-Mason”), and Grayson Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation (“Grayson RECC”) filed a joint application (Joint Application”) requesting the Commission to issue an Order approving a permanent on-bill financing program for each of their respective cooperatives. The Joint Application further requested a continuance of the existing pilot programs for their respective cooperatives approved in Case No. 2010-00089¹ pending the issuance of a final Order in this case.² The pilot programs in Case No. 2010-00089 were approved for two years pursuant to an Order issued on December 16, 2010. The Joint Application stated that the program will be titled “Ky Energy Retrofit Rider” (“KER Rider”) and that the Joint

¹ Case No. 2010-00089, *Joint Application of Big Sandy Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation, Fleming-Mason Energy Cooperative, Inc., Grayson Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation, and Jackson Energy Cooperative for an Order Approving an On-Bill Financing Pilot Program Titled the “Ky Energy Retrofit Rider”* (Ky. PSC Dec. 16, 2010).

² Case No. 2010-00089 also approved a pilot program for Jackson Energy Cooperative Corporation (“Jackson Energy”). However, Jackson Energy is not requesting approval of a permanent Ky Energy Retrofit Rider in this Joint Application.

Applicants will partner with the Mountain Association for Community Economic Development to operate the program.

KRS 278.180(1) requires that no change shall be made by any utility to any rate except upon 30 days' notice to the Commission, stating plainly the changes proposed to be made and the time when the changed rates will go into effect. The Joint Applicants have not proposed new rates but have requested that the pilot programs for their respective cooperatives approved in Case No. 2010-00089 be continued pending the issuance of a final Order in this case. Based on a review of Fleming-Mason's proposed tariff, which the Joint Application has requested for acceptance "on behalf of all applicants as wording is the same for all,"³ the Commission finds that an investigation of the proposed tariff is necessary to determine its reasonableness.

Based on the Joint Application, and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that the Joint Applicants' request that the existing pilot programs of Big Sandy, Fleming-Mason, and Grayson RECC approved in Case No. 2010-00089 be continued during the Commission's investigation of this matter is reasonable and should be approved.

The Commission HEREBY ORDERS that:

Joint Applicants' request that the existing pilot programs, approved in Case No. 2010-00089 of Big Sandy, Fleming-Mason, and Grayson RECC be continued during the Commission's investigation of this matter is approved.

³ Joint Application, Exhibit A Cover Sheet.

By the Commission

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